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MALDON

RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

| <i>Sub-Registration Districts.</i> | | | <i>Area in</i> <i>Acres.</i> | | <i>Population</i> <i>1891 Census.</i> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----|---------------------------------|-----|--|
| TOLLESBURY | (11 parishes) | ... | 35,166 | ... | 7,453 |
| BRADWELL | (5 „) | ... | 12,441 | ... | 2,804 |
| SOUTHMINSTER | (6 „) | ... | 21,915 | ... | 4,742 |
| MALDON | (11 „) | ... | 26,284 | ... | 3,335 |
| | | | 95,806 | | 18,034 |

*To the Chairman and Members of the Maldon Rural Sanitary
Authority.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you my Report for the past year containing all the information specified in the Local Government Board's Order of March, 1892.

As the water supplies, sewerage, drainage, and sanitary condition generally were described fully in my report for 1891 and 1892, it is not necessary now to do more than refer to the changes which have occurred during the year. I may however be excused for referring once more to the condition of the houses of the labourers generally throughout the District. Mr. Aubrey Spencer's Report to the Royal Commission on Labour deals with this subject, and I purpose recording his opinions here, merely as confirming those which I have myself expressed from time to time.

Cottage Accommodation.

“The supply of cottages cannot be said to be deficient in point of number as in most villages the population has declined, and there are a number of cottages uninhabited. In Burnham and Tollesbury, where the population has increased, there have been a number of new houses built. At the same time there is undoubtedly a great deficiency in the number of really habitable cottages suitable to the decent comfort of labouring men and their families, and good cottages are it seems to me in this Union required more than anything else for the well-being of agricultural labourers.”

“In many of the villages there is no aggregation of cottages which can be dignified with the name of “village”; in other parishes there are two or more hamlets, while in a small proportion there are compact and populous villages. Most farms have one or two farm cottages belonging to them, inhabited usually by horsemen and stockmen, but in the majority of cases the labourers live in cottages hired from independent owners. These are not always conveniently situated, and both at Tolleshunt D’Arcy and Purleigh, complaints were made that men had to walk some way to their work.”

*“The state of repair of many cottages in the Union leaves very much to be desired. The great majority of cottages that I saw were either constructed of weather-boarding or of lath and plaster, and many of these appeared to have been neglected for some time and allowed to fall into a state of decay. It is not at all uncommon to find the roof, which is frequently of thatch, more or less ruinous and holes in the floors of the upstairs rooms and in the walls throughout the house. This, of course, is not everywhere the case, and in some villages very fair cottage accommodation will be found, but it is rather the exception than otherwise (see particulars in Appendix B).** Brick and tile cottages are to be seen here and there, but wooden or lath and plaster ones are far more common. They are unfortunately usually without water-spouting and gutters, and the floors of the ground-floor rooms have not been laid in such a way as to protect against damp. The consequence is that, situated as they frequently are on a clay soil, in damp weather they become saturated with moisture.”

*In Mr. Spencer’s original Report.

“The common type of cottage has one fair sized living room downstairs and another small room, generally used as a pantry or back kitchen, adjoining. Upstairs there is generally one fair sized bedroom and one smaller one, both of which are frequently built in the roof. Into the smaller of these the staircase from below generally opens. There is not any provision expressly made for ventilation, and there are usually no fireplaces in the bedrooms. This is, however, of less importance, as the rickety nature of the building generally secures the ingress and egress of air. Many villages contain some one-storied cottages, and cottages with only one bedroom are by no means uncommon.”

“In some cases lodgers are taken in, but on the whole I did not think the cottages I saw were overcrowded, though bedroom accommodation is often rather scanty.”

“A lean-to shed, used as a fuel house, is a common addition, but the out-house accommodation is not so good as in other districts I have visited.”

“I visited a number of cottages in Maldon, Woodham Mortimer, Cold Norton, Goldhanger, Tolleshunt D’Arcy, Latchingdon, Steeple, Purleigh, and other places. In some cases my visits were in company with Dr. Thresh, in other cases by myself. Particulars of some of these cottages will be found in Appendix B, part 1. In part 2 of the same Appendix are general remarks on the cottage accommodation, water supply, &c., in various villages. In Appendix C, I have given extracts from Dr. Thresh’s Report on the Housing of the Working Classes in the Maldon and Chelmsford Unions which deals very fully and thoroughly with the state of cottage accommodation in those districts and with which my own personal observations lead me to entirely concur.”

“The Bye-laws of the Rural Sanitary Authority now in force forbid the building of any but stone and brick cottages, and this body appeared to me, with the able assistance of Dr. Thresh, to be doing everything in their power to improve the present state of things, short of themselves providing improved cottage accommodation

under the powers of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, which they appear to be reluctant to take advantage of. About 8 or 9 houses in the district have been closed at their instance, but although, undoubtedly many more cottages should be dealt with in this way, there is a great difficulty in so doing, for if the present occupants were turned out they would have no place to go to."

"The water supply in many of the villages of the Union is seriously defective, owing to the character of the soil. This is especially the case with the villages situate on the London clay, as there water cannot be obtained except by boring through it to a great depth, and in some instances the water obtained is unusable for drinking, on account of its containing a considerable amount of magnesium salts. Drinking water in such cases is usually obtained from ponds, which are often polluted, or by collecting the rain which falls upon the roofs. In the case of some cottages I saw in Heybridge, (see Appendix B) the water supply was from a muddy ditch. In other cottages in Tolleshunt D'Arcy the supply was from a horribly dirty well, full of frogs and newts. In Burnham there is a public water supply, with mains connected with the houses."

"The cesspool system obtains in most of the villages, but Maldon and Burnham are sewered. In Tollesbury the pail system has been adopted, and a public scavenger appointed to empty the pails periodically. In some cases there is drainage of groups of cottages into ditches, but in many instances there is no drainage whatever, and the slops, &c. are disposed of upon the garden ground. A common plan is for the cottager to dig a deep hole, called a "bumby," conveniently near the cottage, into which all the house refuse and slops are thrown. *Many houses have not separate privies, and the privies are frequently situated so near to the houses that when the wind is in certain directions the effluvium pervades the kitchen, or, it may be, the whole house.*"

"The majority of the cottages are owned by small independent owners, and some of the worst in the district are copyhold property. The extreme poverty of the owners is frequently the cause of the dilapidation of the cottages."

“In other cases the owners are non-resident in the district, and probably have never seen their property, which is left to the mercy of agents, whose interest it is to remit the rents with as small deductions as possible for repairs. The cottages situated on and let with farms are usually in comparatively good condition. It is very much to be wished that new and improved cottages could be supplied, but except in such places as Tollesbury and Burnham, where there is a population not mainly dependent on agriculture, and who can pay higher rents, there is little inducement to private persons to build cottages. Cottages are said to cost from £250 to £270 per pair to build.”

Certain interesting information from the recent Census Returns are included in the Tables in the Appendix.

Sanitary Improvements effected during the Year.

SOUTHMINSTER WATER SUPPLY.—These works were commenced on July 16th, and are expected to be completed in a few weeks. They comprise an underground accumulating reservoir to hold 12,000 gals., a brick tower 70 feet in height, wrought-iron cylindrical tank to hold 15,000 gallons, steam engine and pumps with 6-H.P. boiler, 4-in. suction and rising mains, also 4-in., 3-in., and 2-in. distributing mains into the village. The spring at Asheldham from which the supply of water is derived yields over 30,000 gallons per day, or 100 gallons per inhabited house, supposing all are supplied from the mains. The whole has been carried out from the plans of Mr. ALAN STEWART, C.E., the Surveyor to the Authority.

The scheme for supplying Purleigh and the adjoining parishes with water from Danbury (in the Chelmsford Rural Sanitary District) has been abandoned, although the loan was duly sanctioned by the Local Government Board after a public enquiry. This is one of the few schemes which practically met with no opposition, and it is with considerable regret that I have to chronicle this unfortunate termination.

THE SEWERAGE OF TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY.—This is now being carried out, at a cost of about £800. The accepted tender for the sewers was £623, and the cost of the land about £125. The Local Government Board had also sanctioned a loan for a public water supply, but it has been decided not to carry this out at present, but to provide two or three public pumps in situations convenient for the use of the inhabitants, and for flushing purposes.

At Tollesbury the sewers have been extended along Brewery Road, along which many houses have recently been erected.

At Southminster the sewerage system, if such it can be called, has been extended, and the old open ditch filled up.

Our Building Bye-laws are proving very useful, although they are not uniformly complied with. I had occasion during the year to report that certain cottages had been erected in Burnham with internal water-closets in which there were no windows, and which were only ventilated by perforated bricks. I regret that the Authority did not insist upon these being altered, and made so as to conform to the Bye-laws.

Numerous minor sanitary improvements are chronicled in the Inspector's Summary of Work Done.

Four prosecutions have been undertaken during the year. In one case under the H.W.C. Act the summons was dismissed, as it was held not to have been properly served. In another an order to close three cottages was obtained. Under the Public Health (Water) Act, 1878, the owner of a cottage was fined £2 and costs for allowing a new house to be occupied without having previously obtained a certificate. In an action to abate overcrowding an order was made to abate within a month. This was complied with.

Further Sanitary Requirements.

Although the scheme to supply Purleigh, Woodham Mortimer, Hazeleigh, Cold Norton, and Stow Maries with water from Danbury has been abandoned, an attempt should be made to obtain water

for them from some other source. There are several good springs at Woodham Mortimer, but unfortunately they are too low to enable the district to be supplied directly by gravitation. Pumping would have to be resorted to. The matter is receiving the attention of the Surveyor and myself, and we hope that a feasible scheme may yet be elaborated.

The rising village of Tollesbury still remains dependent upon its numerous shallow wells, sunk in a filthy subsoil, for its water supply.

A proposal was made during the year to obtain an Infectious Diseases Hospital near Maldon for the joint use of the Urban, Rural, and Port Sanitary Authorities. The informal conferences which were held led to no useful result, and all three Authorities remain without any Isolation Hospital. As the town of Burnham is developing and becoming more and more the resort of yachtsmen and excursionists, a building ought to be provided near here which would serve not only for Burnham but for all the villages in the Dengie Hundred. A cottage for the same purpose near Tollesbury is also desirable. For Heybridge and the villages near Maldon the best and most economical plan would be to provide a hospital for the Urban and this portion of the Rural District.

The further requirements of the district are sufficiently indicated in the introductory quotation from Mr. AUBREY SPENCER'S Report, and their repetition is unnecessary.

Outbreaks of Infectious Disease.

SCARLET FEVER AT TOLLESBURY. In the Autumn of 1892 an extensive epidemic of Measles prevailed in this parish. When the outbreak appeared to be at an end, Scarlet Fever mysteriously made its appearance. It did not come to my knowledge until January 9th, and the earliest case which I could trace had its onset about three weeks earlier. It occurred in a family of six children, none of whom had previously had Scarlet Fever, but all of whom had had Measles during the preceding three months. The boy first attacked was taken ill during the night, vomited and was 'light-headed.'

Next day his throat was sore and glands of neck swollen, and on the second day a rash came out which the mother says was not like that of Measles, from which he had only just recovered. The body and limbs were scarlet all over. Another child was attacked a day or two later; both recovered before the schools re-opened after the Christmas holidays, and though one of them was peeling, both returned to school. The result naturally was an extension of the disease. Other families had become infected during Christmas week from visiting the infected house. How the first patient became infected I was unable to discover, but every subsequent case was distinctly traceable directly or indirectly to it. By insisting upon isolation of the patients, and excluding all members of infected families from the school, the outbreak was speedily suppressed. About twenty-three cases occurred during January and February, and only one or two in March. As a large number of the people here make men's clothing in their cottages for Colchester firms, I obtained from the latter lists of their out-workers in my district, and in this way I was able to prevent either fresh material being delivered or possibly infected clothing being removed.

From Tollesbury the disease spread to Tolleshunt Knights and Tolleshunt D'Arcy. Only one or two houses were infected in the latter village, but amongst the scattered cottages on Tiptree Heath the disease lingered until the summer was over. The cases were all of a very mild type and this probably accounted for the difficulty in eradicating the disease.

About the same time (winter and spring) many cases of Scarlet Fever were notified from different parts of the district and having apparently no connection with each other or with any known pre-existing cases. On the other hand they were generally associated with cases of Influenza either in the same house or same group of houses. The rash was very evanescent and visibly only on the chest. I unfortunately never saw one in this stage. As the children did not desquamate afterwards it is possible that the disease was more nearly allied to Influenza than Scarlet Fever. Out of the 75 cases of Scarlet Fever notified, not a single death occurred.

DIPHTHERIA.—A number of cases occurred in the Spring in Heybridge, several houses becoming infected. In some instances nearly all the members of the family were attacked, in others only one inmate of a house suffered. In the majority of cases the houses invaded had had cases therein during the previous twelve months, and two or three of the patients had previously had the disease, one girl was notified for the fourth time in three years.

In September a few other cases occurred during an epidemic of Influenza. During the year 26 cases were notified from Heybridge against 90 in 1892. None of the cases this year proved fatal and only one in 1892. At the end of June a fatal case of Croup occurred, the patient being an infant of two years, but it was not regarded as Diphtheritic. A mortality of one out of 116 cases seems to indicate that the form of Diphtheria prevalent here is very different from that which is notified throughout the county where the mortality averages 20 per cent. of the cases. Whatever its nature, it is gratifying to note that the cases are diminishing in number and possibly this is due to the fact that great improvements have been effected in the sanitary arrangements generally throughout the village.

At TILLINGHAM a case (a married woman) was notified towards the end of June. Upon enquiry I found a child had been visiting its grandmother who lived in a house opposite the one reported as infected. This child was taken ill whilst staying here but returned home on the 24th. Two days after reaching home it died from Diphtheria. The woman who contracted Diphtheria was on very friendly terms with the child and its grand-parents and possibly contracted the disease from the child. It was impossible to trace any connection with a pre-existing case. The child was taken ill soon after going for a walk on the marshes where some offensive manure had been spread. Close to the two houses also a drain had been blocked and had given rise to a nuisance. The latter may have caused both cases. No extension took place and no other case occurred in the parish, so that if the disease arose here it was due to some such local cause.

At BURNHAM a child aged 3 months died in May from Diphtheritic Croup. It was taken ill suddenly in the night and died the following day. The house was an isolated one, over a mile from the village. No source of infection could be discovered and no one near, either before or after, was affected. In October a case of Diphtheria, which proved rapidly fatal, was notified from the village, and a somewhat serious epidemic followed.

The following Report on the outbreak was presented Dec. 12th.

For nearly three years the village has been absolutely free from Diphtheria, but in October last a case occurred in the High Street. It was notified on the 7th and the child died the following day. I could not trace the origin of this case and the sanitary arrangements at the house were above the average in Burnham. The closet pan was hand flushed, the w.c. placed in a recess in an outhouse where adequate ventilation is almost impossible. As other children in the house and the parents remained quite well, I allowed the former to return to school on the 17th or 18th. On the 16th I visited the schools and also made enquiries in numerous places but did not hear of a single case of sore-throat or of suspicious illness. It has since however transpired that a girl aged 14, a member of the family above referred to had a slight sore-throat some days after she returned to school. It was so slight however that little notice was taken of it and the date is not remembered, yet very probably it was the cause of the outbreak.

The second case notified was on November 11th, the third on the 17th. The third case was next door to the first. Between the 11th and 17th, I found that some form of sore-throat had spread rapidly amongst the children attending school and was seriously affecting the attendance. At the end of the week about 30 infants were absent, and about the same number from the mixed school. I visited nearly all the absentees and discovered that three had well marked Diphtheria, whilst many others had an unhealthy condition of throat, enlarged glands, etc. The attack in most instances had been attended with headache, shivering, and a feeling of nausea or even actual vomiting. This is a common mode of onset and unfor-

Unfortunately often causes the parents to think the child is merely suffering from a slight bilious attack. In some families every member had been attacked, in others only one or two. I believe in every instance the first person affected in any household during that week was a child attending the school. Several families had been attended by medical men, who considered the cases as "Septic Tonsillitis," only in the notified cases had any membrane been observed. Whether such cases as these are really Diphtheritic or not is a question upon which the profession are not agreed. It is one however of very great importance and will have to be worked out in the Bacteriological Laboratory. Fortunately the County Council has just established such a Laboratory in the County Town and with the assistance of the lecturer on Biology (Mr. Howston), I hope that work may be done there tending to throw some light on the subject. In any case it seemed to me desirable that the children of the town should not be allowed to congregate together again for a time, and I at once advised the closing of both the Day and Sunday Schools. I called upon all the Sunday School Superintendents and one of the Day School Managers and all agreed to close for at least two weeks. I also caused a number of hand-bills to be distributed, describing the precautions to be taken to prevent the spread of the disease. I wrote Mr. Stewart requesting him to give the sanitary condition of the village his special attention and to see that all closets, drains, and sewers were in a satisfactory condition.

Twelve cases have occurred in eight houses, and four deaths. It will be noted that after the closing of the Schools (November 12th), only two other houses became infected. On December 2nd I again went round the town and did not find a single unnotified case, and there were very few cases of sore-throat. I therefore allowed the Schools to re-open on the 4th instant, simply excluding all the children from several families. I am glad to say not one case has been notified since. Great praise is due to Mr. Eggett and his staff since he has continued to make enquiries about absentees and he promptly notified me of any about which there was the least suspicion. I hope therefore that the outbreak is at an end.

JOHN C. THRESH.

Since presenting this Report, four other slight cases have been reported.

TYPHOID FEVER.—A localised outbreak of this disease occurred in an isolated group of cottages at Woodham Walter in January. The cottages were a little distance from and at a lower level than the farm-house near which a spring arises, which supplies all the inhabitants with water. Near the spring was a privy with a defective cesspit and some weeks prior to the outbreak the farmer had had some kind of febrile affection associated for a time with diarrhoea. He only kept his bed for a short time. During heavy rains filth from this cesspit was undoubtedly washed into the rivulet formed by the spring and which supplied the cottages. Fortunately none of the four cases notified proved fatal. It is scarcely necessary to state that the offending privy has been removed, but the stream is still liable to pollution where it passes under the highroad.

At HEYBRIDGE a child who had had a ducking in the canal (January 20th) was notified on Feb. 7th as suffering from Typhoid.

At ALTHORNE a labourer was notified to be suffering from Typhoid Fever in September. This man and two others had during the previous month been engaged in spreading London manure. Their evidence with reference to the effect produced upon them is interesting. All stated that the effluvium was so offensive, penetrating and persistent that upon reaching home in the evening they had to divest themselves of their working clothes and hang them in the yard.

‘A’ stated that the work “turned him up and made him vomit.”

‘B’ said that it made him so ill that he had to give up work for several days. He had sore throat, pain in the head, and diarrhoea. He did not vomit. His tongue was very foul and finally ‘the skin came off the tongue in large pieces.’

‘C’ suffered from sore-throat and nausea and felt so ill that he had to give up work. A fortnight later he had to call in a medical man who after attending him a few days certified that he was suffering from Typhoid Fever. A week later the case terminated fatally.

These cases afford pretty conclusive evidence of the disease-producing powers of the putrid manure which London distributes in

our agricultural districts. The suggested Bye-Laws (vide Dr. Parson's specials reports to the Local Government Board) for regulating the transit and storage of such manure will not affect the evil results which follow its spreading upon the land nor prevent those who handle it being poisoned.

Two or three cases of Typhoid Fever which have been notified during the year commenced with Influenza, the patients afterwards developing Typhoid symptoms.

SMALL-POX.—A case of Small-Pox occurred in a van on Howe Green early in October. The family had been hop picking in Kent and had travelled by easy stages staying in Essex at Tilbury and Woodham Ferris. How the lad became infected I was unable to ascertain. The father, mother, and five children lived in the small caravan, but most of the children slept in a small tent. As soon as the case was notified the Inspector had the hospital tent erected, the patient removed, and placed in charge of a nurse. The van was disinfected and the bedding burnt. At the end of a month the patient was convalescent and removed back to the van. There was no extension of the disease.

CHOLERA.—At the end of September a woman aged 62 living at Althorne was suddenly attacked with vomiting, diarrhœa, tenesmus, cramps in the legs, faintness, etc. The diarrhœa lasted 24 hours and recovery was rapid. The case was notified simply as 'Cholera,' and was a typical case of so called English Cholera.

A series of curious cases occurred in August in the parish of Woodham Mortimer. On the 24th of that month I received a telegram from Dr. Facey, asking me to meet him at a house there. Upon my arrival I found him engaged making a post-mortem on the body of a girl aged $5\frac{1}{2}$ years, who had died on the 22nd, and whose brother had since been attacked with symptoms similar to those exhibited by the deceased. It appeared that on the night of the 20th, all the members of the family had retired to bed apparently in the best of health. At 4 a.m., Constance (the deceased) aroused her mother and complained of pains in her bowels. She passed one or two motions but at 9 a.m. felt sufficiently well to get up. Towards noon she appeared very drowsy, laid down on the

sofa, and only spoke once afterwards. As she appeared unconscious Dr. Facey was sent for and arrived about 10 p.m. Soon after she had a series of convulsions and died at 1-30 a.m. the same night. During her 22 hours' illness she vomited three times and passed 6 stools of an offensive character. The one examined by me was semi-fluid, yellowish-brown, and contained a large quantity of partially digested plum and apple, chiefly recognizable by the skins. Dr. Facey, on his arrival, found the extremities cold, the pupils contracted to a pin's point, mouth firmly closed. All muscles flaccid except during the convulsions, which were clonic, at first affecting the right side only, then both sides. The legs however only twitched. Temp. 101.6. Motions passed into sheet. Death was certified as being due to Diarrhœa, Coma, Convulsions. On the 23rd, William aged 4, fell down suddenly at 3 p.m. without any previous complaint of feeling ill, and when picked up simply said that he felt sleepy. He shortly afterwards complained of pains in his bowels and seemed feverish. Dr. Facey being called in and finding the child lapsing into a comatose condition gave a large dose of calomel. The temp. was then 104.6. At 4 a.m. the bowels acted freely. The child dozed constantly, skin was pale and moist, but the temp. rapidly fell to 99.4. When this child was recovering, Francis, aged 2, complained of pain in his abdomen and vomited. He also for a time seemed drowsy, but in a few hours seemed to recover. During the night he had a relapse, became feverish and delirious. His mother could not rouse him. He vomited and had diarrhœa. During the same night, the baby, aged 8 months, was attacked with diarrhœa, passing six motions. When not dozing, he screamed with pain. Both recovered rapidly. None of the stools passed had any resemblance to rice-water.

The abdominal organs of the child who had the fatal attack presented no very abnormal appearance. The mucus membrane of the whole alimentary canal seemed healthy save at the cardiac end of the stomach, where there was a little congestion (P. M. ?) and a few minute extravasations. A little brownish-yellow semi-fluid matter with a stercoraceous odour was found in the stomach. This and a portion of each organ were sent to a London Hospital for examination, but with negative results.

A series of very similar cases had occurred, I found, in the adjoining cottage a fortnight previously, but the prompt administration of castor oil had in each case been so beneficial that no medical man was called in. In several other houses around there had been cases of diarrhœa with sudden onset, and in the harvest field several labourers had been so attacked.

The child who died, it was thought, might have eaten certain berries from a plant growing against the side of the house, but this was a rosaceous plant (species of *Cotoneaster*), and almost certainly non-poisonous. The baby however, who also was attacked, had certainly had nothing but the mother's breast, and the mother had not been affected. The water supply was subject to pollution by cattle, but in the house which suffered most the mother asserted that every drop of water was boiled before use. The outbreak could not be traced to the use of any article of food or drink. The symptoms did not point to cerebro-spinal meningitis nor the p. m. to any irritant poison. The most probable diagnosis seemed that of "English Cholera."

ERYSIPELAS.—During the epidemic of Diphtheria and Septic Tonsillitis in Burnham several cases of Erysipelas occurred. An organism, either identical with or closely allied to that causing Erysipelas, is frequently found in Diphtherous membrane, and during the past year I have sometimes met with Erysipelas and Diphtheria in close association. The first case, Mrs. C., had not previously had Erysipelas, but a sister had had four attacks. Ten days later (October 24) a daughter living near, and who had frequently visited her mother, was attacked. On October 28th a cousin of this woman was infected. She was a delicate woman, and had not visited either of the other patients, but her sister who lived next door was constantly in and out of all these houses. On November 9th a cousin of the first patient was notified, and she had helped to nurse the second patient. We thus had four related people affected one after the other, not one of whom had had Erysipelas before, and so far as I know they were the only cases which occurred there during the whole year, with the exception of one doubtful case notified about the same time. All the above four were well marked cases of a severe type.

AGE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF DISEASE NOTIFIED.

| | 0-1 year. | 1—5 | 5--15 | 15—25 | 25—45 | Over 45 | Total |
|-----------------|-----------|-----|-------------|-------|-------|---------|-------|
| DIPHTHERIA : | | | | | | | |
| Males ... | 1 (Croup) | 8 | 9 (1 Croup) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 26 |
| Females ... | 0 | 3 | 16 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 31 |
| SCARLET FEVER : | | | | | | | |
| Males ... | 0 | 12 | 19 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 33 |
| Females ... | 0 | 6 | 32 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 42 |
| TYPHOID FEVER: | | | | | | | |
| Males ... | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| Females ... | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| ERYSIPELAS : | | | | | | | |
| Males ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Females ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 10 |

MEASLES.—An epidemic occurred in NorthFambridge in January and necessitated the closing of the schools for a short time. An epidemic also occurred in Tiptree during the same month, and as both Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever were prevalent in the same neighbourhood the schools had to be closed.

In March, Measles became prevalent in Purleigh, and the School had to be closed. In June a number of cases occurred in Burnham, but probably, owing to the fact that a wide-spread epidemic had prevailed there in 1892, the school attendance was not seriously affected. Towards the end of November, Measles was introduced into Mundon by a child from London. Soon after she commenced to attend school the children went down in rapid succession, and the school had to be closed.

CHICKEN POX.—Several localized outbreaks have occurred, notably at Mundon and Woodham Mortimer, but the effect upon school attendance has never been marked. I was sent for to see one case in which the eruption simulated that of Small Pox, many

of the pustules being umbilicated. During the year cases of Scarlet Fever, German Measles, Chicken Pox, and a mild form of Ophthalmia having occurred amongst the children at Woodham Mortimer School, I recommended that the interior of the school should be lime or colour-washed, or the brickwork cleansed with some disinfecting solution, but the advice has not yet been acted upon.

Statistics of Mortality, &c.

BIRTHS.—The number of Births recorded during the year (500) is in excess of the number for the previous year, but much below that for 1890 or 1891. It gives a birth-rate of 27·7 per 1000 population, the mean for the ten years, 1881-90, being 30·6.

DEATHS.—The total number of deaths registered in the district is 238, but 28 deaths occurred in the Union Workhouse of paupers belonging to the district. This brings up the total to 266, which is 41 less than in the previous year, and much lower than the average for the preceding twelve years. The death-rate calculated per 1000 population is 14·7 as contrasted with 16·9, 16·3, and 16·9 in the years 1892, 1891, and 1890 respectively.

ZYMOTIC DEATH-RATE.—From the seven principal Zymotic diseases 32 deaths have occurred. Measles (8) and Diarrhœa (9) were responsible for more than half these cases. Diphtheria and Croup caused 7 deaths, Fevers 5, Erysipelas 2, and Whooping Cough 1. The excessive number of deaths from Diarrhœa at a period when a Cholera invasion seemed imminent would seem to indicate that favourable conditions existed for the spread of such an epidemic. Some of the cases which occurred have already been referred to. Three of these deaths, however, were of young children, and the intestinal irritation was probably associated with “teething.” Four were aged people, and the Diarrhœa was partly due to senile decay.

The Zymotic Death-rate 1·7 though lower than in the previous year, was about the average for the preceding 12 years.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.—Forty-five children died under one year of age, and as 500 children were born during the year, this gives a death-rate of 90 per 1000. This also is lower than has been recorded for the last few years.

MORTALITY IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS.—Of the four sub-registration districts, Maldon has had by far the heaviest mortality, the death-rate in the second quarter of the year reaching 31·2 per 1000. (*Vide Table III.*) In part this was due to an epidemic of Measles, which caused several deaths. In Woodham Mortimer, Woodham Walter, Hazeleigh, Purleigh, Cold Norton, and Stow the mortality has been much in excess of previous years, and this is partly accidental and partly due to epidemic disease amongst the children.

Several questions having been asked about the death-rate in Heybridge, the following figures abstracted for the past four years may prove interesting to those who desired information. The deaths include, those of Heybridge paupers who died in the Union Workhouse, and will not therefore correspond with the Church register.

| | Deaths attributed to | | Deaths from all causes. | Death-rate. |
|------|--------------------------|----------|----------------------------|-------------|
| | Diphtheria and Croup. | Old Age. | | |
| 1889 | ... | 0 | 24 | 14·8 |
| 1890 | ... | 7 | 34 | 21·0 |
| 1891 | ... | 7 | 34 | 21·0 |
| 1892 | ... | 1 | 23 | 14·2 |
| 1893 | ... | 2 | 15 | 9·2 |

The excessive number of deaths from old age partly explains the high mortality of 1890 and 1891. To compensate for this an exceptionally small number of persons have died from old age during the last two years.

DEATHS FROM VARIOUS CAUSES.—In the following Table the deaths from diseases affecting special organs, etc., for the years 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, and 1893 are compared.

| | 1889. | 1890. | 1891. | 1892. | 1893. |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Cancer | 12 | 9 | 15 | 11 | 8 |
| Phthisis | 23 | 27 | 23 | 21 | 18 |
| Other Tubercular Diseases ... | 15 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 15 |
| Diseases of Respiratory System | 26 | 40 | 33 | 23 | 21 |
| „ Circulatory „ | 33 | 26 | 32 | 21 | 21 |
| „ Nervous* „ | 7(?) | 34 | 23 | 28 | 20 |
| „ Digestive „ | 9 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 9 |
| „ Urinary „ | 5 | 11 | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| Premature Birth ... | 10 | 7 | 11 | 8 | 8 |
| Convulsions and Teething ... | 11 | 8 | 14 | 12 | 10 |
| Debility and Inanition ... | 15 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 12 |
| Old Age | 35 | 51 | 54 | 48 | 54 |
| Violence | 11 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 5 |

* Since 1889, deaths certified as due to Apoplexy only, have been recorded under diseases of the Nervous System,

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MALDON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

TABLE I.

Birth and Death-Rates and Infantile Mortality during
1893, compared with previous years.

| PERIOD. | Per 1000 Population. | | | Infantile Mortality. Deaths of Infants under 1 year, per 1000 Births. |
|---------|----------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| | Birth-rate. | Death-rate. All Causes. | Death-rate. Seven Zymotic Diseases | |
| 1893 | 27.7 | 14.75 | 1.7 | 90 |
| 1892 | 26.8 | 16.9 | 2.3 | 118 |
| 1891 | 29.7 | 16.3 | .83 | 95 |
| 1890 | 29.8 | 16.9 | 1.99 | 111 |
| 1881-90 | 30.6 | 15.1 | 1.53 | 90 |

TABLE II.

SUB-REGISTRATION DISTRICTS.

| | 1893. | | | 1881-92. | | |
|--------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| DISTRICT. | Death Rate. | Zymotic Death Rate. | Infantile Mortality. | Death Rate. | Zymotic Death Rate. | Infantile Mortality. |
| Southminster | 14.8 | 2.3 | 126 | 15.9 | 1.9 | 95 |
| Bradwell | 12.8 | .7 | 100 | 14.0 | 1.1 | 75 |
| Maldon | 20.7 | 2.7 | 88 | 15.9 | .96 | 94 |
| Tollesbury | 12.1 | 1.1 | 73 | 14.8 | 1.5 | 91 |

TABLE III.

Quarterly Returns of Mortality in Sub-Registration
Districts.

Deaths per 1000 Persons living per annum.

| | First Quarter. | Second Quarter. | Third Quarter. | Fourth Quarter. |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Southminster | 12.6 | 12.6 | 14.3 | 19.4 |
| Bradwell | 15.7 | 9.9 | 12.8 | 12.8 |
| Maldon | 20.4 | 31.2 | 22.8 | 8.4 |
| Tollesbury | 14.5 | 7.5 | 14.0 | 12.7 |
| 1893 | 15.8 | 15.3 | 16.0 | 13.3 |
| Maldon R.S.D. | 1892 | 29.2 | 15.7 | 13.1 |
| | | | | 12.4 |

TABLE IV.

TABLE OF DEATHS during the year 1893, in the Rural Sanitary District of Maldon, classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

| MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES, AT SUBJOINED AGES | | | | | | | | MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES, DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS OF AGE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|
| Sub-registration District | At all ages | Under 1 year | 1 and under 5 | 5 and under 15 | 15 and under 25 | 25 and under 65 | 65 and up- wards. | 1 | 2 | FEVERS. | | | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Enteric or Typhoid | Con- tinued | Puer- peral | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SOUTHMINSTER.. | 62 | 15 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 26 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | 13 | 20 |
| BRADWELL | 36 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 15 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | 1 | 3 | 6 | — | 9 | 27 |
| TOLLESBURY | 81 | 16 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 25 | 26 | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | 15 | 22 |
| MALDON | 59 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 18 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 2 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | — | — | 11 | 17 |
| TOTAL..... | 238 | 45 | 23 | 15 | 13 | 57 | 85 | 3 | 2 | — | — | — | — | 5 | 1 | 3 | — | — | 7 | 6 | — | — | 48 | 68 |
| | | | | | | | | 2 | — | 3 | — | 2 | 2 | 3 | — | 6 | — | 18 | 15 | 21 | 5 | 93 | 170 | |

The subjoined numbers have also to be taken into account in judging of the above records of mortality

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----|---|---|---|---|---|----|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|
| Deaths occurring outside the district among persons belonging thereto, in Union Workhouse. | 28 | — | — | — | 1 | 3 | 24 | Under 5 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Deaths occ'ring within the district among persons not belonging thereto. | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | Under 5 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 2 | 2 | — | 22 | 28 |

TABLE V.

TABLE of POPULATION, BIRTHS, and of NEW CASES of INFECTIOUS SICKNESS coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1893, in the Rural Sanitary District of Maldon.

| SUB-REGISTRATION DISTRICT. | Population, 1891. | Registered Births. | AGE. | New Cases of Sickness in each Locality coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------------|---------|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|-------------|---------|----|
| | | | | FEVERS. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Smallpox. | Scarlatina. | Diphtheria. | Membranous Croup. | Typhus. | Enteric or Typhoid. | Continued. | Relapsing. | Puerperal. | Cholera. | Erysipelas. | Totals. | |
| SOUTHMINSTER | 4742 | 119 | Under 5 | — | 1 | 6 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8 |
| | | | 5 upwards | — | 2 | 9 | — | — | 4 | — | — | 1 | 1? | 5 | 22 | |
| BRADWELL ... | 2804 | 60 | Under 5 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | | | 5 upwards | — | 5 | 2 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 9 | |
| MALDON ... | 3335 | 102 | Under 5 | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 3 |
| | | | 5 upwards | 1 | 9 | 4 | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | 5 | 22 | |
| TOLLESBURY ... | 7453 | 219 | Under 5 | — | 15 | 4 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 19 |
| | | | 5 upwards | — | 41 | 30 | 1 | — | 5 | — | — | 2 | — | 3 | 82 | |
| TOTALS ... | 18034 | 500 | Under 5 | — | 18 | 10 | 1 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 30 |
| | | | 5 upwards | 1 | 57 | 45 | 1 | — | 13 | — | — | 3 | 1 | 14 | 135 | |

N.B.—Notification of Infectious Disease has been compulsory since January 1st, 1890.
There is no Hospital for Infectious Diseases in the District.

TABLE VI.

Maldon Rural Sanitary District.

Table of Meteorological Data, Deaths, Infectious Diseases, &c., for Year ending Dec. 31st, 1893.

| 1893 | Meteorological Data. | | | | | Deaths from all causes. | | | Deaths from Zymotic Diseases. | | | | | | Infectious Diseases Notified. | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------|------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------|-------------|------------|--------|
| | Mean Temperature. | Mean daily range. | Relative Humidity. | No. of Rainy Days. | Rainfall. | Total Deaths. | Under 1 Year. | Over 65 Years. | M. Group and Diphtheria. | Fever. | Diarrhoea. | Erysipelas. | Whooping Cough. | Measles. | Total. | Scarlatina. | Croup and Diphtheria. | Fever. | Erysipelas. | Small Pox. | Total. |
| January | 34.3 | 10.2 | 94.8 | 18 | 1.435 | 32 | 5 | 14 | — | 1 | — | — | — | 2 | 3 | 27 | 3 | 3 | 2 | — | 35 |
| February | 40.35 | 12.9 | 94.2 | 20 | 2.645 | 17 | 1 | 10 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0 | 11 | 9 | 1 | 0 | — | 21 |
| March | 44.2 | 22.65 | 89. | 7 | .325 | 23 | 7 | 9 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | — | 10 |
| April | 49.2 | 26.4 | 70. | 2 | .103 | 19 | 5 | 5 | — | — | — | — | — | 4 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | — | 10 |
| May | 56.19 | 23.84 | 65. | 9 | 1.243 | 23 | 3 | 8 | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | — | 3 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 1 | — | 13 |
| June | 60.19 | 24.21 | 72. | 7 | .583 | 19 | 2 | 7 | 2 | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | 4 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | — | 7 |
| July | 62.6 | 20.2 | 73.5 | 18 | 3.075 | 27 | 5 | 10 | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | 2 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 0 | — | 12 |
| August | 64.66 | 22.0 | 70.5 | 7 | 2.20 | 23 | 7 | 8 | 1 | — | 4 | — | 1 | — | 6 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 0 | — | 14 |
| September | 56.05 | 18.93 | 77. | 10 | 1.14 | 21 | 1 | 13 | — | 2 | 2 | — | — | — | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | — | 10 |
| October | 50.88 | 15.51 | 88. | 19 | 3.00 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | — | 7 |
| November | 40.62 | 13.28 | 88. | 17 | 2.475 | 23 | 2 | 10 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 4 | — | 15 |
| December | 38.67 | 11.99 | 94. | 16 | 1.982 | 26 | 4 | 12 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 0 | — | 9 |
| Means & 1893 | 49.8 | 18.5 | 81.3 | 150 | 20.206 | 266 | 45 | 109 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 32 | 75 | 57 | 17 | 14 | — | 163† |
| Totals for 1892 | 47.2 | 16.55 | 84.3 | 162 | 24.32 | 306 | 56 | 117 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 19 | 12 | 46 | 11 | 128 | 13 | 12 | — | 164 |

† One Small Pox in September.

One Cholera in October.

Total, 165.

TABLE VII.
DEATH-RATES IN THE PARISHES, 1893.

| PARISHES. | | | 1893. | DEATH RATE.—Mean for 11 years, 1881—91. | Population. |
|-----------|---|-----|-------------|--|-------------|
| | | | All Causes. | All Causes. | |
| 1 | Asheldham, Dengie, and St. Lawrence | ... | 7.7 | 10.4 | 648 |
| 2 | Tollesbury | ... | 13.7 | 12.7 | 1608 |
| 3 | Langford and the Tothams | ... | 15.3 | 14.9 | 1238 |
| 4 | Heybridge | ... | 9.25 | 15.0 | 1621 |
| 5 | Tillingham | ... | 18.9 | 15.9 | 951 |
| 6 | Woodham Walter and Mortimer ... | ... | 25.3 | 15.6 | 789 |
| 7 | Cold Norton, Stow, Purleigh, and Hazeleigh | ... | 26.0 | 16.7 | 1309 |
| 8 | Bradwell-on-Sea | ... | 14.4 | 16.1 | 905 |
| 9 | Cricksea, Althorne, and Mayland ... | ... | 12.4 | 16.6 | 643 |
| 10 | Goldhanger and Tolleshunt D'Arcy | ... | 16.5 | 15.2 | 1336 |
| 11 | Southminster | ... | 16.9 | 16.8 | 1303 |
| 12 | Ulling, Wickham Bishops, Great and Little Braxted | ... | 8.9 | 16.1 | 1124 |
| 13 | Burnham | ... | 15.0 | 15.0 | 2336 |
| 14 | Tolleshunts Major and Knights ... | ... | 6.8 | 14.6 | 885 |
| 15 | Steeple, Latchingdon, Mundon, and North Fambridge | ... | 12.7 | 16.6 | 1338 |

TABLE VIII.

MALDON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

TABLE shewing the Total Number of BIRTHS and DEATHS, also the Number of Deaths at various ages and from various diseases, each year, from 1890 to 1893.

| YEAR. | BIRTHS | Total Deaths. | Under 1 yr. | 1 to 5 | 5 to 15 | 15 to 25 | 25 to 65 | Over 65 | Scarlet Fever. | Diphtheria. | M. Croup. | Typhoid Fever. | Continued Fever | Puerperal Fever. | Erysipelas. | Measles. | Whooping Cough | Diarrhoea. | Total Zymotic Diseases. | Phthisis. |
|-------------------|--------|---------------|-------------|--------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|----------|----------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1890 | 540 | 307 | 60 | 29 | 19 | 12 | 68 | 119 | — | 4 | 3 | 7 | — | — | 2 | 1 | 19 | — | 36 | 30 |
| 1891 | 536 | 294 | 51 | 19 | 10 | 17 | 65 | 132 | — | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | 3 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 23 |
| 1892 | 463 | 307 | 56 | 38 | 14 | 12 | 69 | 118 | — | 6 | 1 | — | 1 | — | 1 | 12 | 19 | 6 | 46 | 21 |
| 1893 | 500 | 266 | 45 | 23 | 15 | 14 | 60 | 109 | — | 5 | 2 | 3 | — | 2 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 32 | 18 |
| Mean for 4 years. | 510 | 293 | 53 | 27 | 14 | 14 | 65 | 119 | — | 4.7 | 1.7 | 2.7 | .5 | .75 | 1.2 | 6.0 | 10.5 | 4.0 | 32.25 | 23.0 |

CENSUS RETURNS.—Maldon Rural Sanitary District.

| | HOUSES. | | FAMILIES. | Population. | Males. | Females |
|-------------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-------------|--------|---------|
| | Uninhabited | Inhabited. | | | | |
| Burnham ... | 15 | 500 | 527 | 2360 | 1224 | 1136 |
| Cricksea ... | 2 | 30 | 32 | 127 | 58 | 69 |
| Althorne ... | 18 | 71 | 89 | 313 | 139 | 174 |
| Mayland ... | 5 | 41 | 46 | 203 | 96 | 107 |
| Steeple ... | 19 | 102 | 102 | 460 | 232 | 228 |
| Southminster ... | 7 | 321 | 325 | 1303 | 694 | 609 |
| TOTALS Southminster Dst. } | 66 | 1065 | 1121 | 4766 | 2443 | 2323 |
| Asheldham ... | 2 | 39 | 39 | 180 | 82 | 98 |
| Dengie ... | 4 | 51 | 51 | 279 | 155 | 124 |
| Tillingham ... | 4 | 234 | 235 | 954 | 509 | 445 |
| Bradwell ... | 21 | 205 | 203 | 914 | 490 | 424 |
| St. Lawrence ... | 4 | 41 | 42 | 189 | 96 | 93 |
| TOTALS Bradwell District } | 35 | 570 | 570 | 2516 | 1332 | 1184 |
| Mundon ... | 10 | 54 | 66 | 263 | 150 | 113 |
| Latchingdon ... | 31 | 102 | 103 | 464 | 240 | 224 |
| North Fambridge | 9 | 36 | 45 | 151 | 84 | 67 |
| Stow Maries ... | 5 | 37 | 54 | 176 | 91 | 85 |
| Cold Norton ... | 2 | 43 | 52 | 183 | 90 | 93 |
| Purleigh ... | 32 | 188 | 191 | 858 | 454 | 404 |
| Hazeleigh ... | 2 | 27 | 27 | 111 | 57 | 54 |
| W'dham Mortimer | 2 | 65 | 67 | 298 | 143 | 155 |
| Woodham Walter | 12 | 97 | 119 | 491 | 261 | 230 |
| Ulting ... | 2 | 34 | 37 | 165 | 80 | 85 |
| Langford ... | 2 | 44 | 44 | 194 | 97 | 97 |
| TOTALS Maldon District } | 109 | 727 | 805 | 3354 | 1747 | 1607 |
| Heybridge ... | 21 | 366 | 367 | 1623 | 877 | 746 |
| Wickham Bishops | 10 | 123 | 123 | 473 | 227 | 246 |
| Little Braxted ... | 1 | 26 | 26 | 125 | 68 | 57 |
| Great Braxted ... | 5 | 85 | 85 | 361 | 179 | 182 |
| Little Totham ... | 5 | 69 | 71 | 323 | 159 | 164 |
| Great Totham ... | 13 | 172 | 172 | 722 | 366 | 356 |
| Goldhanger ... | 10 | 103 | 105 | 466 | 236 | 230 |
| Tolleshunt Major | 2 | 90 | 92 | 405 | 213 | 192 |
| Tolleshunt D'Arey | 15 | 196 | 198 | 870 | 446 | 424 |
| Tolleshunt Knights | 6 | 106 | 106 | 480 | 238 | 242 |
| Tollesbury ... | 21 | 368 | 364 | 1617 | 828 | 789 |
| TOTALS Tollesbury Dist. } | 109 | 1704 | 1709 | 7465 | 3837 | 3628 |

CENSUS RETURNS—continued.

| No. of Occupants of Tenements. | ROOMS IN TENEMENTS. | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|------|--------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Over 4 |
| 1 | 9 | 52 | 51 | 101 | |
| 2 | 2 | 47 | 108 | 322 | |
| 3 | — | 13 | 71 | 258 | |
| 4 | — | 4 | 55 | 267 | |
| 5 | — | 4 | 40 | 218 | |
| 6 | — | 1 | 22 | 148 | |
| 7 | — | 1 | 15 | 138 | |
| 8 | — | — | 8 | 76 | |
| 9 | — | — | 5 | 40 | |
| 10 | — | — | — | 20 | |
| 11 | — | — | — | 4 | |
| 12 or more | — | — | — | — | |
| TOTAL ... | 11 | 122 | 375 | 1592 | 2055 |

Ages of Males and Females in Maldon Rural Sanitary District.

| | MALES. | FEMALES. | TOTAL. |
|-----------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| Under 1 year | 231 | 237 | 468 |
| Between 1 and 2 years | 220 | 224 | 444 |
| 2 3 | 254 | 251 | 505 |
| 3 4 | 240 | 214 | 454 |
| 4 5 | 227 | 234 | 461 |
| Total under 5 years | 1172 | 1160 | 2332 |
| Between 5 10 | 1214 | 1179 | 2393 |
| 10 15 | 1207 | 1053 | 2260 |
| 15 20 | 955 | 643 | 1598 |
| 20 25 | 660 | 564 | 1224 |
| 25 30 | 604 | 583 | 1187 |
| 30 35 | 450 | 468 | 918 |
| 35 40 | 468 | 464 | 932 |
| 40 45 | 419 | 458 | 877 |
| 45 50 | 446 | 453 | 899 |
| 50 55 | 398 | 389 | 787 |
| 55 60 | 342 | 359 | 701 |
| 60 65 | 294 | 261 | 555 |
| 65 70 | 274 | 266 | 540 |
| 70 75 | 217 | 201 | 418 |
| 75 80 | 159 | 149 | 308 |
| 80 85 | 64 | 61 | 125 |
| 85 90 | 14 | 23 | 37 |
| 90 95 | 2 | 8 | 10 |
| 95 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 9359 | 8742 | 18101 |

Summary of Work done through the Sanitary Inspector in the Rural Sanitary District of Maldon Union during the year ending 31st December, 1893.

| | | | Total No. for year. | Results of Inspection, &c. |
|----|--|---------|------------------------|--|
| 1 | Complaints received | | 52 | |
| 2 | Cottages inspected | | 900 | |
| 3 | Lodging-houses inspected .. | | — | |
| 4 | Slaughter-houses inspected .. | | 14 | |
| 5 | Bake-houses inspected .. | | 18 | |
| 6 | Dairies & milk shops inspected | | 9 | |
| 7 | Cowsheds inspected | | 25 | |
| 8 | Workshops inspected | | — | Many by M.O.H. |
| 9 | Filthy houses cleansed, sec. 46 Public Health Act, 1875 .. | | 2 | |
| 10 | Houses disinfected | | 50 | |
| 11 | Overcrowding abated.. .. | | 8 | |
| 12 | Houses placed in habitable repair | | 5 | |
| 13 | Houses closed | | 4 | |
| 14 | Houses erected or re-built, for which "Certificates," were applied for | | 40 | |
| 15 | "Certificates" granted | | 38 | |
| 16 | „ deferred | | 2 | |
| 17 | Wells sunk or improved supplies of water afforded | | 18 | |
| 18 | Wells cleansed or repaired .. | | 10 | |
| 19 | Wells closed | | — | |
| 20 | Defective pumps repaired or new pumps erected to existing wells | | 29 | |
| 21 | Leaky taps repaired where drawing from public mains.. | | 30 | |
| 22 | Houses connected with sewers | | 33 | |
| 23 | „ with water mains | | 6 | |
| 24 | Earth, pail, or improved privies constructed or existing privies altered | | 115 | Cesspools being gradually abolished and earth or pail closets sub- stituted. |
| 25 | Privies & W.C.'s repaired; W. C.'s supplied with water .. | | 26 | |
| 26 | Cisterns cleansed, repaired, or covered | | 6 | |
| 27 | Animals improperly kept removed | | 7 | |
| 28 | Samples of water taken for analysis | | 27 | Chiefly by M.O.H. |
| 29 | Samples of food or drink taken for analysis | | — | |
| 30 | Compensation paid for destruc- tion of infected bedding .. | £1 19 3 | | Case of small-pox in travelling caravan |
| 31 | Seizures of unsound meat, &c. | | — | |
| 32 | Nuisances reported or detected | | 273 | |
| 33 | Nuisances abated | | 230 | |
| 34 | Notices served.. .. | | 98 | |
| 35 | Summonses taken out .. | | 4 | |
| 36 | Convictions | | 3 | |

